

Park Monument Honors Power Utility Pioneer

Dalton, Georgia

Growing up in Dalton, V.D. Parrott, Jr. never dreamed that his hometown would one day build a park honoring his life's work. But today a monument bearing the image of the man who was instrumental in the creation of the Georgia highvoltage transmission system welcomes visitors to the green spaces of V.D. Parrott, Jr. Park.

Dedicated in 2008, the park's architectural focal point is a brick and precast monument featuring a white bas-relief sculpture of Parrott cast in concrete formulated with TX Active photocatalytic cement.

"The relief is highly detailed with sculptural surfaces that, with conventional concrete, could harbor atmospheric pollutants and the potential to discolor and distort the image," said Gregg Sims, AIA, the monument's designer. "The choice of TX Active and its self-cleaning properties ensures the longterm visual integrity of the sculpture...and honors the intent of the Dalton community's lasting tribute to a native son."

The spire and bench are constructed of sculpted styrofoam, wire, and conventional concrete covered with a skim coat formulated with TX Active. To further echo the artwork's interaction with nature, accent strips of niobium metal are embedded to reflect sunlight in polychromatic colors.

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When applied to various materials, photocatalysis creates a "self-cleaning" effect. While early photocatalytic cements were effective in keeping surfaces clean, the levels of photoactivity achievable with TX Active cement is such that it actually abates the organic and inorganic substances responsible for air pollution.



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